Mr. C. Kumara Das: The Factory is expected to commence production in 1948.

Vizhinjam Harbour.

226. ✻ **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pathanamthitta*): With regard to the proposed Vizhinjam Harbour will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the preliminrry investigations have been completed and whether final estimate has been prepared;

(*b*) whether any land has been acquired for the purpose;

(*c*) whether any special engineering staff has been appointed; and

(*d*) the nature of progress, so far made?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Yes. Preliminary investigation has been completed and a preliminary estimate has been preparcd.

(*b*) Acquisition proceedings are in progress.

(*c*) One Supervisor.

(*d*) The work was sanctioned only in June 1946 and the preliminary arrangements are being made.

Vizhinjam Harbour.

227. ✻ **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any improvements have been effected in regard to the Vizhinjam Harbour and if so, what is the nature and the cost of improvements effected?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: No improvements have yet been effected. A scheme for forming the Harbour has been sanctioned.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know from the honourable member the total cost involved in implementing the scheme?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: According to the preliminary estimates the amount is Rs. 242 lakhs.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know from the honourable member how long will it take to implement the scheme?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The programme is to finish it in about three to four years.

Perunchani Scheme.

228. ✻ **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker**: With respect to the Perunchani Scheme will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total estimated amount for the scheme;

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